

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claim 1 (Withdrawn) A blade material cutting device which is employed for cutting a strip blade material, wherein said device has:

a stationary blade part having a pair of front and rear support faces on which a strip plate part and a blade edge part of said blade material where said blade edge part is formed in an edge of said strip plate part are to be overlaid, and which are placed with being separated from each other by a gap in a direction of feeding said blade material;

a pair of opposed front and rear stationary edges which are disposed in said pair of support faces;

a movable blade part which is extracted and retracted with respect to said mutual gap between said pair of support faces; and

a pair of front and rear movable edges which are disposed in said movable blade part, and which cooperate with said pair of stationary edges to cut away a disposal portion of said blade material that is positioned between said stationary edges.

Claim 2. (Withdrawn) A blade material cutting device according to claim 1, wherein each of said stationary edges and said movable edges is a straight-cutting edge for linearly forming a cut line which extends over said blade edge part and said strip plate part of said blade material after the cutting.

Claim 3. (Withdrawn) A blade material cutting device according to claim 1, wherein each of said stationary edges and said movable edges is a miter-cutting edge for conducting a cutting operation so that said blade edge part of said blade material after the cutting has a miter shape.

Claim 4. (Withdrawn) A blade material cutting device according to claim 1, wherein said pair of front and rear support faces are formed in each of right and left side faces of said stationary blade part, said pair of front and rear stationary edges which are

disposed in said pair of support faces on one side of said right and left side faces are straight-cutting edges for linearly forming a cut line which extends over said blade edge part and said strip plate part of said blade material after the cutting, said pair of front and rear stationary edges which are disposed in said pair of support faces on another side of said right and left side faces are miter-cutting edges for conducting a cutting operation so that said blade edge part of said blade material after the cutting has a miter shape,

said movable blade part is placed in each of sides which sandwich said mutual gap,

a pair of front and rear movable edges which cooperate with said pair of straight-cutting front and rear stationary edges to cut away a disposal portion of said blade material that is positioned between said stationary edges are disposed in said movable blade parts on the one side, and

a pair of front and rear movable edges which cooperate with said pair of miter-cutting front and rear stationary edges to cut away a disposal portion of said blade material that is positioned between said stationary edges are disposed in said movable blade parts on the other side.

Claim 5. (Withdrawn) A blade material cutting device according to claim 1, wherein said pair of front and rear support faces are formed in each of right and left side faces of said stationary blade part, said pair of front and rear stationary edges which are disposed in said pair of support faces on one side of right and left side faces are straight-cutting edges for linearly forming a cut line which extends over said blade edge part and said strip plate part of said blade material after the cutting, said pair of front and rear stationary edges which are disposed in said pair of support faces on another side of said right and left side faces are miter-cutting edges for conducting a cutting operation so that said blade edge part of said blade material after the cutting has a miter shape,

said movable blade part is configured so as to be movable between one side and another side of said mutual gap with passing through said mutual gap,

a pair of front and rear movable edges which cooperate with said pair of straight-cutting front and rear stationary edges to cut away a disposal portion of said blade material that is positioned between said stationary edges are disposed in the one side of right and left side faces of said movable blade parts, and

a pair of front and rear movable edges which cooperate with said pair of miter-cutting front and rear stationary edges to cut away a disposal portion of said blade material that is positioned between said stationary edges are disposed in the another side of said right and left side faces of said movable blade part.

Claim 6. (Currently Amended) A blade material cutting device which is employed for cutting a strip blade material, said device having:

a stationary blade part having a support face on which a strip plate part and a blade edge part of the blade material, where the blade edge part is formed in an edge of the strip plate part, are to be overlaid;

a pair of front and rear stationary edges which are disposed in said support face, and which are positioned to be separated from each other by a gap in a direction of feeding of the blade material;

a front movable blade part which is movable in front of said support face in lateral directions of said support face, and a rear movable blade part which is movable in the rear of said support face in the lateral directions of said support face;

a movable edge which is disposed in said front movable blade part, and which cooperates with said front stationary edge of said support face to cut the blade material; and

a movable edge which is disposed in said rear movable blade part, and which cooperates with said rear stationary edge of said support face to cut the blade material.

7. (Previously presented) A blade material cutting device according to claim 6, wherein each of the stationary edges of the support face and the movable edges of the front and rear movable blade parts is are a straight - edge - cutting edge for linearly forming a cut line which extends over the blade edge

part and the strip blade part of said the blade material after the cutting.

8. (Previously Presented) A blade material cutting device according to claim 6, wherein each of the stationary edges of the support face and the movable edges of the front and rear movable blade parts are a miter edge - cutting edge for conducting a cutting operation so that the blade edge part of the blade material after the cutting has a miter shape.

Claim 9 (Cancelled).

Claim 10 (Withdrawn) A blade material cutting device according to claim 6, wherein said stationary blade part is formed into a fork-like shape having a pair of right and left protrusions, said support face is formed in each of right and left side faces which are opposed between said pair of protrusions, a pair of front and rear stationary edges disposed in said support face on one side are straight-cutting edges for linearly forming a cut line which extends over said blade edge part and said strip plate part of said blade material after the cutting, a pair of front and rear stationary edges disposed in said support face on another side are miter-cutting edges for conducting a cutting operation so that said blade edge part of said blade material after the cutting has a miter shape,

a pair of right and left movable edges are disposed in said front movable blade part, said movable edge on the one side is an edge which cooperates with said straight-cutting front stationary edge to cut said blade material, said movable edge on the other side is an edge which cooperates with said miter-cutting front stationary edge to cut said blade material,

a pair of right and left movable edges are disposed in said rear movable blade part, said movable edge on the one side is an edge which cooperates with said straight-cutting rear stationary edge to cut said blade material, and said movable edge on the other side is an edge which cooperates with said miter-cutting rear stationary edge to cut said blade material.

Claim 11. (Currently Amended) A blade material cutting device which is employed for cutting a strip blade material, said device having:

- a stationary blade part having a support face on which a strip plate part and a blade edge part of the blade material, where the blade edge part is formed in an edge of the strip plate part, are to be overlaid;

- a pair of front and rear stationary edges which are disposed in said support face, and which are positioned to be separated from each other by a gap in a direction of feeding of the blade material;

- a front movable blade part which is movable in front of said support face in lateral directions of said support face, and a rear movable blade part which is movable in the rear of said support face in the lateral directions of said support face;

- a movable edge which is disposed in said front movable blade part, and which cooperates with said front stationary edge of said support face to cut the blade material; and

- a movable edge which is disposed in said rear movable blade part, and which cooperates with said rear stationary edge of said support face to cut the blade material; wherein:

- said support face is formed in each of right and left side faces of said stationary blade part, said pair of front and rear stationary edges which are disposed in said support face on one side are straight - cutting edges for linearly forming a cut line which extends over the blade edge part and the strip blade part of the blade material after the cutting, said pair of front and rear stationary edges which are disposed in said support face on another side are miter-cutting edges for conducting a cutting operation so that the blade edge part of the blade material after the cutting has a miter shape'

- a pair of right and left movable edges are disposed in said front movable blade part, with said movable edge on the one side is an edge which cooperates with said straight - cutting front stationary edge to cut the blade material, and with said movable edge on the other side is an edge which cooperates with said miter - cutting front stationary edge to cut the blade material; and

- a pair of right and left movable edges are disposed in said rear movable blade

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part, with the movable edge on the one side is an edge which cooperates with said straight - cutting rear stationary edge to cut the blade material, and with the movable edge on the other side is an edge which cooperates with said miter - cutting rear stationary edge to cut the blade material.